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Mr. Nolan Jensen, Lead, CERCLA Program
U.S. Department of Energy
Idaho Operations Office
1955 Fremont Avenue
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1216

Re: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) position on a path forward for OU
10-08 Site TRA-62

Dear Mr. Jensen:

This Track 2 site is included in the ***Field Sampling Plan for Waste Area Group 10 Track 2 Investigation of Sites CFA-54, MISC-45, and TRA-62*** (DOE/NE-ID11224, July 2005). The plan was reviewed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and was discussed during recent conference calls with the U.S. Department of Energy, EPA, and DEQ. It is DEQ's opinion that existing infrastructure and associated access restrictions makes sampling in appropriate locations along this pipeline impossible at this time. DEQ believes characterization of the site should be postponed until the agencies agree the site can be appropriately characterized.

It is DEQ's position that Site TRA-62 should not be characterized at this time but institutional controls must be maintained until the site can be adequately characterized and a determination made as to whether the site warrants remediation. The site should remain in OU 10-08 unless it is determined that the site cannot be appropriately characterized before completion of the draft Record of Decision for OU 10-08.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daryl F. Koch".

Daryl F. Koch, FFA/CO Manager
Waste Management & Remediation Program Office

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